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I am writing in support of General Assembly Raised Bill No. 1094, An Act Concerning Assault with Enhanced Penalties. I am the assistant Animal Control Officer for the town of Mansfield, CT and have been in this job for almost 2 years. In my short time as an ACO I have come into contact with several hostile and dangerous residents. I have also bared witness to my supervisor being assaulted while following up on a complaint. This man received only a ticket for Disturbance of Peace because ACO's are not included in CGS 53a-167c.

As an ACO, we often come into contact with the same people the police deal with on a regular basis. This job is inherently dangerous and we should be protected by the law the same way that police and peace officers are. Please consider adding ACO's to the list. Thank you.

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